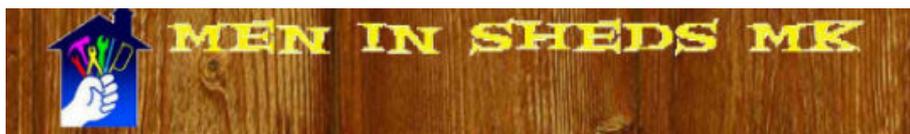


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September 2021 Newsletter

Car Raffle: deadline approaching!

I'm beginning this brief newsletter with an urgent appeal: As announced in the previous newsletter The MK Community Foundation is once again running a car raffle - you might have seen the VW ID3 electric vehicle in Central MK - and the Shed will be participating. We will benefit to the tune of 50p from each £1 ticket sold on behalf of the Shed. To those of you who have already bought tickets - thanks.

The closing date for the raffle is **Thursday 30 September** and we still have a large number of tickets to sell. I will be at the Shed on Wednesday selling tickets but they can also be bought online with a debit card at miltonkeynes.thecharityraffle.co.uk/. If you do buy online remember to nominate the Shed as your chosen charity recipient. And thanks - what better time can there be to win an electric car?.

MKCF Match Fund Challenge

In a similar vein, and as in previous years, our landlords the MK Community Foundation are running a Match Fund Challenge, whereby all monies raised through Local Giving will be matched by a similar sum from the MKCF (subject to the availability of funds). It's important to note that regular monthly donations made through Local Giving are **not** eligible for match funding but one-off donations of any size will be counted. The challenge will run from **Monday 11 October until Friday 22 October** or until the money runs out, so if you're thinking of making any additional donations it's important to get in early - **but not before 11 October**.. The link to Local Giving is in the sidebar and at the end of this newsletter.

Committee News

The new Management Committee met for the second time in July. I'm pleased to say that Doug Clow has been co-opted as Membership Secretary and joins another co-opted member, Colin Levett, who has agreed to take on the Quartermaster role. Doug has set up a new simplified record keeping system and Colin has begun to make a new inventory of Shed equipment and has commenced selling some surplus tools to raise Shed funds. Many thanks to both. Our Treasurer Peter Gallagher continues his work with an external auditor to produce verified sets of accounts for 2018-2020 and these will be put to an EGM for



New members

The following members have joined the Shed since the last newsletter

Bill Jenkins
Graham O'Connor
Waleed Saud
Ronald Lacey

A warm welcome to them and to others who have joined us over the last few months. Remember that if you have any questions or concerns about your membership please get in touch at info@meninshedsmk.org.uk. We hope to see you at the Shed soon.

Shoulder to Shoulder

There is a new edition of the [UK Men's Shed Association's newsletter](#). Please take a look at what's happening in the wider Shed world.

Shed meetings

We plan to resume monthly midday meetings for all Shedders from **Wednesday 6 October**. If you have matters to raise it would be helpful if these could be notified in advance to a Committee member or by email to the address above.

Donate, Please!

Remember you can very easily

future for the Shed, in the face of anticipated big increases in rent and energy costs.

Machine training and accreditation

Machine training and accreditation through the Classmarker system continues to be available for the majority of the woodworking machines. A recent new member, Jim Scott, has offered to give some introductory training in wood turning to interested members. If you'd like to make a bowl or another turned piece such as a candle holder, please approach Jim. Makerspace member Jack Deanus is offering training for the milling machine and metal lathe for those who would like to get into metalwork. Both can be contacted through info@meninshedsmk.org.uk.

Community Projects

Dave Tilley, James Robertson, Martyn Simpson, Alan Wilkins and Nigel Pigott have devoted a lot of time over the summer to a range of projects for Wood End Primary and Pre-School in Stantonbury. These include the construction of a small ramp/bridge and a water play device, together with the assembly and installation of five storage sheds. The hard work will be rewarded with a substantial donation to Shed funds. We are also currently investigating the feasibility of constructing and installing five benches for the Secret Garden in Wolverton.

Research Project

I mentioned in the last newsletter the Men's Sheds Research Project at the University of East Anglia. The project is now researching why some men join sheds but then stop attending after a short time. If you are such a person you can participate in the research by going to: <https://menssheds.org.uk/2021/09/13/shed-research-project-with-the-university-of-east-anglia-uea/>. We at the MK Shed are also conscious that there are those of you on our mailing list who have joined the Shed but rarely or no longer attend. Is there more we could have done to keep you on board? If you are willing to share your thoughts with us you can email me in confidence at the address below. Thanks.

David 'Simo' Simonson

We were sorry to hear that Simo passed away earlier this month after a short illness. Simo was a former London cabbie and was known for his interest in clock repair. His son wrote to me to say how much his father had enjoyed his time at the Shed and that it had made a positive difference to his life.

Membership Renewal

Our records show that we have 88 members who have paid their £1 subscriptions for 2021, which is great news. If you have not yet paid, and wish to remain a member or rejoin, please come to the office when you are next at the Shed and speak to Mark Sadler or a Committee member and receive your 2021 badge sticker. Remember that if you have not renewed your membership you will not be covered by the Shed's insurance when you are on the premises. If you have extenuating reasons for being unable to renew your membership (e.g. long term illness) but still wish to remain a member, or just continue to receive the newsletter, please let us know.

to [this link](#). Thank you. We have also identified a couple of comparatively effortless ways of raising funds for the Shed: The first is through [Give as you Live](#) and the second is through [Amazon Smile](#). Both of these enable you to sign up so that anything you purchase through their websites generates a donation to the charity of your choice. Why not sign up now and choose Men in Sheds MK as your charity? It costs nothing and doesn't commit you to buy anything

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